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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An elongated packaging material for manufacturing a plurality of pouches, comprising a series of unit pouch areas corresponding to the plurality of pouches and connected serially to each other along a length of the packaging material, the series of unit pouch areas comprising:

a first elongated flexible sheet;

a second elongated flexible sheet layered on the first sheet;

a plurality of side sealing portions provided at side ends of each of the first and second sheets, the side sealing portions extending lengthwise of the first and second sheets; and

a plurality of cross sealing portions spaced from each other lengthwise of the sheets, each two adjacent cross sealing portions defining therebetween a respective one of the unit pouch areas;

wherein each of the side sealing portions is provided with a plurality of projecting portions, each of the projecting portions projecting toward a center of width of the first and second sheets, between an adjacent pair of the cross sealing portions;

wherein each of the first and second elongated flexible sheets includes a first wider width portion between each said projecting portion and a first of the adjacent cross sealing portions, a narrower width portion at each said projecting portion, and a second wider width portion between each said projecting portion and a second of the adjacent cross sealing portions; and

wherein each of the side sealing portions includes an inclined portion for connection to an adjacent cross sealing portion, the inclined portion having a larger sealing width than other portions of the side sealing portion; and

wherein each of the first wider width portion and the second wider portion has a wider inner width than the narrower width portion.

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2. (Original) The packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second sheets is formed with recesses, outside of the projecting portions, widthwise of the sheet.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of the cross sealing portions is shorter than [[a]] the inner width of the first and second elongated flexible sheets at the first wider width portion.
5. (New) The packaging material according to claim 1, wherein each of the side sealing portions in each unit pouch area includes a subsidiary portion connected to the inclined portion of said each side sealing portion in an adjacent unit pouch area.
6. (New) The packaging material according to claim 5, wherein the subsidiary portion of said each side sealing portion is connected to the inclined portion of said each side sealing portion at a boundary between the inclined portion and an adjacent cross sealing portion, a recess being formed outside of the subsidiary portion.
7. (New) The packaging material according to claim 1, which is wound onto a roll.